

South Park High School family and the legacy she has left for others to follow in school and in the community. Her spirit, steady leadership and unwavering belief in the value of "doing your life's work where you live," is her legacy and an example for others to follow. I look forward to years of continued friendship and wish Terri much happiness and fulfillment in her retirement. I have no doubt that she will find that and more with her loving family and friends in the years ahead.

RECOGNIZING THE REPUBLICAN STUDY COMMITTEE NATIONAL SECURITY AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS TASK FORCE AND OMAR HOSSINO

**HON. JOE WILSON**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 21, 2020*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express my gratitude to serve as the Chairman of the Republican Study Committee's National Security and Foreign Affairs Task Force this Congress. In June, the Task Force issued its National Security Strategy report after convening a number of meetings with top policy experts and engaging in complex discussions on the foreign policy challenges we face. The RSC's National Security Strategy spans over 120 pages and includes over 100 detailed policy recommendations on tackling the Chinese Communist Party, Russia, Iran, and the Salafijihadi movement, and for standing up for democracy and human rights. The report boldly stood up for a foreign policy of American leadership through the principle of peace through strength. It was also noticed and condemned by adversaries such as the Chinese Communist Party, the Kremlin, and the Chief of Staff of the President of the Iranian regime. In only a few months a number of the report's ideas have already been implemented by the Trump Administration, or have been introduced as legislation. For example just last week Secretary of State Mike Pompeo announced that the United Front Work Department of the Chinese Communist Party would be sanctioned, something first proposed by the RSC Task Force report. This month also, RSC members introduced six bills taking on China for its IP theft, Rep. JACK BERGMAN introduced a bill to audit U.S. contributions to the United Nations, and I was grateful to introduce the Badr Organization Designation Act, and the Stop the Killing in Syria Act, both based upon the National Security Strategy report.

I am grateful for the leadership of my colleagues on the Task Force including RSC Chairman Rep. MIKE JOHNSON, Rep. ROB WHITMAN, Rep. DON BACON, Rep. ANN WAGNER, Rep. DAN CRENSHAW, Rep. RALPH NORMAN, Rep. BRYAN STEIL, Rep. ALEX MOONEY, Rep. JACK BERGMAN, Rep. NEAL DUNN, Rep. CLAY HIGGINS, and Rep. MICHAEL WALTZ.

I appreciate the hard work of Omar Hossino of the RSC staff in managing the Task Force's meetings, developing policy recommendations, and writing the report. I am grateful for Omar Hossino's dedication and service to the Task Force. Omar Hossino has been a key advisor and invaluable asset on foreign policy issues

not only to members of the Task Force but also to the broader RSC. His vast knowledge of the intricacies of both complex foreign policy issues as well as the intricacies of legislation, especially economic sanctions has been invaluable to me and Task Force members. Omar Hossino's passion and tireless work ethic has also been a driving force behind turning the report into legislative initiatives. Finally, I would like to recognize my Legislative Director Oren Adaki of my staff for his deep dedication and important contributions to this project as well.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 21, 2020*

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I was not present for the following roll call votes. Had I been present for them, I would have voted as follows: Roll Call 247—H.J. Res. 107, Further Additional Continuing Appropriations Act, 2021 YAY.

HONORING JUDITH PAXTON

**HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 21, 2020*

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, I offer these remarks in honor of Judith Junkin Brown Paxton of Salem, Virginia, who passed away on December 7, 2020 at the age of 90. She was a pillar of the Salem community who served her fellow citizens as a volunteer and good neighbor.

Judy Brown was born on September 9, 1930 in Roanoke, Virginia, to Elijah Brazelton Brown and Martha Judith Junkin Brown. She graduated from Andrew Lewis High School in 1948.

Her family, church, and community were the objects of her activity and energy. As a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, she sang in the choir for 70 years, directed the children's choir, served on the Vestry, read to the children at St. Anne's Day School, and performed numerous other services for the congregation. She also volunteered at the office for the Episcopal Diocese of Southwest Virginia. Her compassion and faith inspired her work as a coordinator for the St. Paul's volunteers who serve lunches for the Roanoke Area Ministries.

As her friends and neighbors, the people of Salem enjoyed Judy's goodwill and hospitality. She cooked chili for the crews of the Street Department as they cleared snow, organized decorating of lampposts for Christmas, and put up flags for Independence Day. From progressive dinners to bridge games, the activities of Salem were brightened by Judy's friendliness and generosity.

Judy was married to the late William Joseph Paxton Jr., who served as Salem's City Manager. She is survived by sons W. David Paxton and his wife Vicki of Roanoke, Joseph Paxton and his wife Annette of Broadway, Virginia, and James Paxton and his wife Hilda of Salem; daughter Martha Paxton Nowlin and

her husband Melvin of Big Island, Virginia; brother William O'Brien and his wife Ellie of Kitty Hawk, North Carolina; and sister-in-law June Newman Paxton of Roanoke. She is also survived by ten grandchildren and their spouses Corey (Danielle) Paxton, Traci (Matt) Rowe, Jessica (Scott) Mackaro, Katie (Marc) Palmieri, Jennifer Paxton, Sara (Greg) Hall, William (Brittany) Paxton, Theresa (Michael) Peregoff, Kimberly (Lacy) Burnette, and Robert (Courtney) Paxton, as well as ten great-grandchildren, Hannah, Shiloah, Norah, Paige Judith, Tyler, Victoria, Evelyn, Ava, Anna Grace, and Joey.

HONORING CHEN LOK LEE

**HON. DWIGHT EVANS**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 21, 2020*

Mr. EVANS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor an influential and dedicated man, Chen Lok Lee. Mr. Lee was a devoted educator and prominent printmaker and painter based in Philadelphia, PA. For over twenty years, he was a Professor of Printmaking, Silkscreen and Lithography at Moore College of Art and Design in Philadelphia, which is the first and only visual arts college for women in the United States. Additionally, he taught Chinese calligraphy and painting classes to the community through the Community College of Philadelphia and other private venues.

Mr. Lee was a political refugee from China who escaped narrowly with his life from communist forces in 1950 and was forced to leave his family behind. When his life was in jeopardy, his family helped him escape, and he swam towards Hong Kong and was rescued by a boat and eventually taken to the shores of Hong Kong. He stayed in Hong Kong for eight years, studying at the prestigious Hong Kong University, and then went on to enter the United States as a political refugee in 1959. He settled in New York City's Chinatown and worked his way through the Chinese restaurant business to support himself as a burgeoning artist and to learn enough English to establish footing in his new country. He also began to study under some very prominent and contemporary artists. While at the Arts Students' League in New York, he worked with George Grosz, Stephen Greene and Robert Hale, along with New York painter Hans Hoffman.

From 1967 to 1970 Chen Lok Lee studied abroad at the Rome Academy in Italy and earned an MFA at the Tyler School of Fine Arts as a printmaker, painter and lithography under Romas Viesulas and Richard Callner. In 1973, he was awarded a prestigious fellowship from the Ford Foundation to study at Tamarind Lithographies in New Mexico. He was recognized at an international exhibition in Hong Kong, as invited by Her Majesty's Service in 1982. In his new adopted hometown of Philadelphia, he was selected to participate in the Mayor's Commission for Cultural Exchange between Philadelphia and sister city Tianjin, China, from 1986 to 1987.

Mr. Lee was a loyal and dedicated husband to Linda, whom he met while studying in Rome. Linda, also an artist and educator, brought Chen home to her family in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, and then married him